

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain summoned by the Executive Committee (Article X) was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, May 28th, at 2.30 p.m., for consideration of International Business:—

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and the Notice convening the Meeting was read by Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary.

The following Hon. Officers were present: Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C. and Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Vice-Presidents, and Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Directors.

The following affiliated organisations were represented: Miss Solomon, Matrons' Council; Miss B. Kent and Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council; Miss E. M. Waind, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss G. Le Geyt, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses; Miss E. E. Fowler, Registered Nurses' Association; Miss A. S. Marshall, The National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League; Miss E. F. Brownsdon, L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union; Miss M. Bridge, Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss D. M. Moase, Miss E. J. Jenkins, Prince of Wales' General Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., President; Miss O. Baggallay, Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C., D.N., College of Nursing; Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Miss D. Finch, Association of Hospital Matrons; Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., Miss B. O. Hill, League of Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses; Miss Cuthbert, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss E. J. Haswell, British College of Nurses; Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Miss D. S. Coode, Miss E. M. Bowes, A.R.R.C., The Nightingale Fellowship; Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, League of Private Nurses; Miss Norah Farrant, Miss Wilmshurst, Association of Queen's Superintendents; Miss C. Tafe, Miss J. F. O'Brien, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Letitia Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., Miss G. E. Copeman, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss D. K. Graham, Miss H. Ballard, League of Sister Tutors; Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss M. McEwan and Miss Reynolds, League of London Hospital Nurses.

Expression of Sympathy on the Death of M. Doumer.

The President moved from the Chair:—

"That an expression of deep sympathy from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain be conveyed to Mlle. Chaptal, President of the International Council of Nurses, and through her to the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, on the tragic death of M. Doumer, the late revered President of the French Republic, who had honoured the nurses of the world by accepting the office of President d'Honneur of their Congress to be held in Paris in 1933."

The Motion was adopted by a rising vote.

Correspondence.

Letters of regret were reported from a large number of delegates who were unable to be present. Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Treasurer, wrote from the nursing home where she is slowly regaining health:—

"Will you please tell the Meeting how sorry I am not to be able to attend, but the members will I feel sure understand it is impossible for me. With all good wishes for its success."

Upon the proposal of Miss Cox-Davies it was agreed that a message of sympathy be sent to Miss Breay from the Meeting.

Report on the Florence Nightingale International Foundation Scheme.

The President presented the Draft Scheme of the proposed Foundation drawn up by representatives of the National Council of Nurses and of the British Red Cross Society, which had been approved by Mlle. Chaptal, President I.C.N., and by the Directorate of the League of Red Cross Societies.

The Committee was still considering further arrangements.

In order to stimulate interest in the Scheme it had been agreed by the Executive Committee of the N.C.N. to recommend that a "Nightingale Week" should be held in London from July 4th to 9th, to which the Hon. Officers of the I.C.N. and Presidents of affiliated organisations should be invited. Invitations had been issued and she was pleased to report that they had been accepted to date by Mlle. Chaptal, President, and Miss C. Reimann, Secretary; Mlle. Hellemans, President National Federation of Belgian Nurses, and Chairman Congress Committee on Programme for the Paris-Brussels Congress, 1933; Mrs. Maynard Carter, Chief, Nursing Division, League of Red Cross Societies, Miss Grace M. Fairley, Superintendent of Nurses, General Hospital, Vancouver, would represent the Canadian Nurses' Association, nominated by the President, Miss L. H. W. Emory, University of Toronto; a representative of the American Nurses' Association, nominated by the President, Miss Elnora Thomson, University of Oregon; Miss Venny Snellman, President National Council of Nurses of Finland; a representative of "Nosokomos" the Nurses of the Netherlands appointed by the President, Miss Meta Kehrer; Miss D. Nikodimova, Bulgarian Nurses' Association; and Mrs. Strong (an early Nightingale Nurse), Scottish Nurses' Association.

A Draft Programme was submitted and hospitality invited, which was generously responded to in the room.

The preliminary programme as follows was tentatively agreed:—

July 4th.—Conference with International Colleagues on the proposed Nightingale Foundation, at 39, Portland Place, 11 a.m. Luncheon at the United Nursing Services Club, Cavendish Square, 1.30 p.m., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, N.C.N., presiding. Exhibition of "Nightingaleiana" by Miss A. M. Bushby, and Tea, British College of Nurses, 3.30 p.m. Dinner by the Association of Hospital Matrons, Cowdray Club, and Reception by the College of Nursing in the evening.

July 5th.—By Motor Coach to East Wellow, to pay a visit of homage with flowers to the grave of Miss Nightingale by invitation of the President and Council of the British College of Nurses. Visit to Embley Park and Tea, by kind invitation of Mr. J. J. Crosfield (High Sheriff for Hampshire) and Mrs. Crosfield.

July 6th (afternoon).—Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation in the Governors' Hall, by invitation of the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O. (Treasurer of the Hospital), who will preside. Nightingale Training School for Nurses on view and Tea.

July 7th.—Presentation of Certificates to International Students at Bedford College by the Duchess of Athol, D.B.E., M.P., 3 p.m.; the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley in the Chair. Reception and Tea, by invitation of the Council of Bedford College and the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies.

A visit at a convenient time will be paid to No. 15, Manchester Square, the beautiful residential home of the International Students.

To the Headquarters of the General Nursing Council, by invitation of the Chairman (Miss E. M. Musson).

Miss Dey offered hospitality at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Miss MacManus at Guy's Hospital. It was

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